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INTERFACE FOR SOUND PROCESSING SYSTEM
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed on April 11, 2001, setting a response period expiring on July 11, 2001, and for which a one-month extension is hereby requested, applicant responds to the Official Action as follows:

In the Claims:

[Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 2 and 13-16.]

[Please replace claims 17-19 with the following (marked up versions are in the Appendix below):]

--17.(Twice Amended) An integrated circuit comprising:
an input/output pin;
a sound processing circuit;
an output circuit coupled to the input/output pin, wherein the output circuit applies to the input/output pin an output signal representing a sound;
an activation circuit coupled to the input/output pin and the functional unit, wherein in response to an input signal from the input/output pin, the activation circuit activates the sound processing circuit;

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